NATURAL NEWS

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People

WEEKLY STAFF NEWSLETTER
March 20, 1998

NEW INTERPRETIVE STATIONS

The Education Department is pleased to announce the arrival of the new Interpretive Stations (touch carts). Most are located within the exhibits but some are housed in nearby closets. All have the ability to be moved almost anywhere in the Museum. The following is a list of the stations and the location Education Volunteers who conduct the activities. Check the *Field Notes* for specific dates and times. Be sure to stop by and see our new Interpretive Stations in action!

Fossils in the Floor - Stanley Field Hall, Geology Fossil Lab area, 1st floor
Egyptian Hieroglyphs - Egypt Marketplace, Ground floor
Terrific Teeth - World of Mammals, near the zebras, 1st floor
Games Around the World - China, 2nd floor
Horns & Antlers - Animal Biology, 1st floor
World of Weaving - Mexico and Central America, near the loom, 1st floor

For more information or a demonstration please call **Kathleen Weibel**, (x649) or **Mara Cosillo-Starr**, (x497).

Fitness Class
Tuesday & Thursdays
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
Geology Hall (next to Tibet) on second floor

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Natural Products Initiative in Environmental and Conservation Programs is pleased to announce that Barbara Pickersgill of the Department of Agricultural Botany at the University of Reading in England will be visiting The Field Museum from March 23-25. During her visit, Pickersgill will give two presentations:

"Barriers and Bottlenecks: genetic resources and their exploitation in Capiscum"
3:00 p.m., Monday, March 23
Zoology Classroom

"The Diversity of Plant Domesticataion and the Domestication of Plant Diversity"
Noon, Tuesday, March 24
Zoology Classroom

All staff are invited. Hope to see you there! Any questions, please call **Sophie Twichell** (x494).

ILLINOIS RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES CONFERENCE -
March 4-6

The Museum made a strong showing at the 2nd annual **Illinois Renewable Natural Resources Conference** held in Springfield, IL, March 4-6. The first two days concentrated on research, education, management and policy focused on natural

resources in urban, agricultural, forest and floodplain landscapes. The last day revolved around building effective partnerships for environmental education. This strong interdisciplinary format encouraged lively exchange between managers, educators, researchers and policy makers. **Carol Fialkowski, ECP**, spoke about "Urban Environmental Education: The Challenge and the Response." Also, as Chair of the Steering Committee, Carol presented the revised five-year master plan for Illinois environmental education at the annual meeting of the Environmental Education Association of Illinois. **Margaret Thayer**, Zoology and **Cathy Geraghty, ECP**, gave a presentation about the Illinois Rapid Assessment Program (IRAP), a collaboration among Zoology, Botany and ECP. **Chris Molzahn, ECP**, busily attracted scores of new Forest, River, Prairie and Wetland Watch participants. **Doug Stotz, ECP**, presented a poster – "Songbird Migration in an Urban Matrix: Conservation Opportunities in the City." **Mary Ellen Ward, Geology,** spoke about "Value Orientations in Land Use Conflict: The North Branch Prairie Project - A Case Study." Talks and poster were very well received, and inspired much discussion and exchange.

PROGRESS ON A NEW FIELD GUIDE: ***THE SNAKES OF BORNEO***

Robert Stuebing (Research Associate, Zoology) recently visited for four days as a Karl P. Schmidt Scholar to work on Bornean snakes. Rob is working with **Bob Inger** on a field guide to the snakes of Borneo. Much of Rob's time here was spent completing descriptions of snakes and debating with Bob about the key to the identification of Bornean snakes. The problem is to devise a key that non-specialists can use with only a simple hand magnifier to aid the eye. Not so easy when one considers that the 154 species of Bornean snakes did not evolve with the convenience of herpetologists in mind. The field guide will be turned over to a publisher by mid-year. Another book by the two Roberts, *A Field Guide to the Frogs of Borneo,* was published in 1997.

KLEIN TO CONFERENCE

Janice Klein was awarded a $585 tuition scholarship to attend the American Legal Institute - American Bar Association (ALI-ABA) Course of Study, "Legal Problems of Museum Administration" in Chicago from March 24 to 26.

The Anthropology Department partipated in two grants awarded by the Museum Loan Network (MLN) to the Mint Museum of Art in Charlotte, North Carolina. The MLN was set up two years ago to facilitate loans between museums. It funds grants of up to $40,000 to survey potentially "lendable" collections, to allow curatorial staff to visit collections in other museums, and to pay for the cost of borrowing. The Mint Museum's grants enabled their curator to travel to the Field Museum last year to study the Anthropology Department's pre-Columbian collection. This year the Mint Museum was awarded $30,000 to cover the costs of borrowing nine stone and ceramic pieces from the Mexican Colima and Aztec cultures and mounting in their newly renovated Central American gallery.

ASIAN CERAMICS CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER

The Anthropology Department and the Asian Ceramics Research Organization (ACRO) will hold the 3rd annual Asian

IT'S WILD IN CHICAGO '98!

Saturday, April 4 & Sunday, April 5, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Monday, April 6 & Tuesday, April 7, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Discover ecosystems more rare than the tropical rainforests right in your own backyard, with **It's Wild in Chicago '98!**, a festival celebrating Chicago's biodiversity. **It's Wild in Chicago '98!** will feature Field Museum scientists sharing information about current research and showing specimens from the Museum's world-famous collections. Hands-on activities, storytellers and performers will help visitors learn about the woodlands, wetlands, lakes, rivers, prairies and forests of the Chicago region, and the wildlife that depend upon them to flourish. Activities are free with regular Museum admission. For more information, call (312) 922-9410, ext. 662.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

11 a.m.– 4 p.m.	**A French Trader in 1675 Chicago** Meet Jean Claude Louis Pierre Chavigny, a French Voyageur from 1675 in this performance	Stanley Field Hall
11:15 a.m.	**Folk Songs of the Prairies** Listen to folk songs about Midwestern heritage performed by folksinger Mark Dvorak	Stanley Field Hall
11:30 a.m.	**The Earth We Share: Native American Stories** Storyteller Florence Dunham shares stories passed down from the days when Chicago's only people were the Native Americans.	Webber Resource Center
12:30 p.m.	**Hody Coyote Puppet Performance** Meet Hody Coyote who entertains and educates about the natural wonders of the prairie.	Rice Terrace
1:00 p.m.	**Earthways, Waterways** Tom and Chris Kastle of the Old Town School of Folk Music perform traditional, contemporary and original stories and songs about Chicago waterways.	Stanley Field Hall
1:30 a.m.	**The Earth We Share: Native American Stories** (see above)	Webber Resource Center
2:30 p.m.	**Hody Coyote Puppet Performance** (see above)	Rice Terrace
3:00 p.m.	**One Fish, Two Fish, Dead Fish, Blue Fish** Go on a journey to discover what is fouling up the water in this play about the Chicago River.	James Simpson Theater

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

11 a.m.- 4 p.m.	**A French Trader in 1675 Chicago** (see above)	Stanley Field Hall
11:00 a.m.	**Circle of Life** Listen as flutist Victor Freides plays beautifully haunting Native American music.	Stanley Field Hall
11:30 a.m.	**The Earth We Share: Native American Stories** (see above)	Webber Resource Center
noon	**One Fish, Two Fish, Dead Fish, Blue Fish** (see above)	Lecture Hall II
1:00 p.m.	**Earthways, Waterways** (see above)	Stanley Field Hall
1:30 a.m.	**The Earth We Share: Native American Stories** (see above)	Webber Resource Center

CONFUSED ABOUT RECYCLING?

Recent feedback has made us recognize there is still some confusion over the Museum's recycling procedures. The materials we currently recycle and how these materials get collected for recycling are as follows:

Paper Typically, office paper (in black desk-side bins) is emptied into larger square blue bins which are then emptied into a large **bright green** tote, usually marked "Paper Recycling Only" and/or "Recycling Services, Inc." The green totes are then moved **by recycling volunteers** to Shipping where the paper is picked up for recycling. In public areas, clear plexi containers are provided for brochure recycling and are emptied **by Housekeeping**.
*** Housekeeping is not responsible for paper recycling in staff areas. Please help insure that paper NOT be collected and emptied into the garbage by Housekeeping staff in your area.**

NOTE: Round blue containers are for beverage container recycling at events; DO NOT use these for paper recycling. The paper in these containers cannot be picked up by our recycler.

The paper recycling totes in the **Administration area** are our program's biggest problem right now. It is the responsibility of everybody in that area to make sure paper recycling is working. If there is a problem it is your responsibility to call the person in charge of the current month and let them know there is a problem.

Beverage Containers In the public areas these are deposited in the Picnic containers labeled "Cans" or "Glass." Cans, glass and plastic bottles can be mixed in these containers. In staff areas on the 3rd and 4th floors **dark green** totes usually marked "Mixed Glass" are collection points for cans, glass and plastic bottles.
*** Items from Picnic are emptied by Housekeeping into the dark green totes in Shipping. When full, the dark green totes on the 3rd and 4th floors are moved by Housekeeping to Shipping. The contents of the totes are then picked up for recycling.**

NOTE: Be careful! It's easy to confuse the paper and beverage container totes because they're both green.

Cardboard Corrugated cardboard accumulates as flattened boxes in Shipping and in various collection points in staff areas.
*** Housekeeping collects cardboard from the staff areas and brings it to Shipping to be baled and picked up for recycling.**

The United States generates more garbage than any other country. Ninety percent of our solid waste goes to land fill. As a result, we are not only running out of places to dispose of our trash, but our present methods of disposal are causing soil, water, and air pollution.
➤A reminder, from our Mission Statement: **We focus on critical environmental and cultural issues which are engaging and relevant to the public's daily lives and civic responsibilities.** We should be setting a good example. Please help keep recyclables out of the garbage. Thanks!

--- **Mary Anne Rogers** and **Bill Stanley**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Performance Appraisal Training - 8:30am to 4pm - LH II AFC Program - 4pm to 9pm - LH II	2 Museology Program - 1pm to 4pm - Classroom 2 Geology - O. Rieppel - 1pm to 5pm - Clrm 1 AFC Program - 5pm to 9pm - Clrm 1	3	4 AFC Program - 8am to 11:30am - Clrm 1 W. White - LH 1 - 8am to 12n It's Wild in Chcgo '98 -11am to 4pm - Clrm 2 and LH II, 12 - 6pm - LH 1 and II, Clrm 1 Chicago Wilderness - ECP - 12 noon to 5:30pm LH 1
5 It's Wild in Chicago '98 - 11am to 4pm -LH 1 & Clrm 2 Volunteer Training Session - 6pm to 10pm - LH 1	6 It's Wild in Chicago '98 - 10am to 1pm -LH 1 & Clrm 2 Teacher Program - 12:30pm to 2pm - Clrm 1 AFC Prog - 4pm to 9pm - Clrm 1 IL Mycological Assoc. - 6pm to 10pm - LH II Chg HgGiding-7pm to 11p-LH 1	7 It's Wild in Chicago '98 - 10am to 1pm -LH 1 & Clrm 2 Volunteer Training Session - 6pm to 10pm - LH 1	8 Public Services AM Meeting - 8:30am to 9am - Classroom 1 Adult Lecture - AFC - 5pm to 9pm -LH 1 and Clrm 1	9 Museology Program - 1pm to 4pm - Classroom 2 Geology - O. Rieppel - 1pm to 5pm - Clrm 1	10 Reading is Fundamental - 9am to 12 noon - LH 1	11 Adult Program - AFC - 8am to 1pm -LH 1 PIP Program - 8am to 3pm - Classroom 1 & 3 Teacher Orien. Program - 10am to 12noon - LH II
12	13 AFC Program - 4pm to 9pm - Clrm 1 Nature Camera Club - 7pm to 11pm - LH II	14 AFC Program - 8am to 12noon - Clrm 3 and 5pm to 9pm - Clm 1 Teacher Prog: Project Teach - 8:30am to 4pm - Clrm 1 Scientific Illustration - 9am to 3:30pm - Clrm 2 Volunteer Training Session - 5pm to 10pm - LH II	15 AFC Program - 4pm to 9pm - LH II, Clrm 1 and 2	16 Museology Program - 1pm to 4pm - Classroom 2 Geology - O. Rieppel - 1pm to 5pm - Clrm 1 Music Theater Workshop Reh. - 1:30pm to 5pm - LH II AFC Program - 5pm to 9pm LH II and Clrm 1	17 Academic Affairs - 7pm to 9pm - LH 1, Ext. 559	18 Adult Program - AFC - 8am to 1pm -LH 1 Volunteer Training Session - 8am to 5pm - LH II Adult Class - 12 noon to 5pm - Clrm 2 Philippines/Earth Day Prog - 1pm to 4pm - LH 1
19 AFC Program - 8am to 1pm - LH II and Clrm 1 Philippines/Earth Day Prog - 1pm to 4pm - LH 1	20 British Airways Session - 9am to 4pm - Clrm 1 AFC Program - 4pm to 9pm - Clrm 1 Chicago Mountaineering Club - 6pm to 10pm - LH 1	21 AFC Program -8am to 12 noon - Clrm 1 and 4pm to 9pm - Clm 2 Scientific Illustration - 9am to 3:30pm - Clrm 2 Volunteer Training Session - 5pm to 10pm - LH II	22 Public Services AM Meeting - 8:30am to 9am - Classroom 1 AFC Program -4pm to 9pm - LH II and Clrm 1	23 Museology Program - 1pm to 4pm - Classroom 2 Geology - O. Rieppel - 1pm to 5pm - Clrm 1 AFC Program - 5pm to 9pm - LH II, Clrm 1 and 3	24 Monsanto/President's Office - 6:30am to 9:30am - LH II	25 A. Watson Armour III Spring Symposium - 7am to 9:30pm - JST, LH 1 and II, Dining Rooms and Stanley Field Hall AFC Program - 8am to 1pm - Classroom 2 and 3
26	27	28 AFC Prog- 8am to 12non -Clm 1 and 4pm to 9pm - Clm 1 and 2 Zoology - P. Macnamara - 9am to 3:30pm - Clrm 2	29 AFC Program - 4pm to 9pm - LH II, Clrm 2 and 3 Chicago Herpetological Society - 6pm to 10pm - LH 1	30 Museology Program - 1pm to 4pm - Classroom 2 Geology - O. Rieppel - 1pm to 5pm - Clrm 1 AFC Program - 5pm to 9pm - LH II, Clrm 1 and 3		

"BOOK-ABLE" SPACES IN FIELD MUSEUM
2/11/98

SPACE	LOC	MAX	USE	SCHEDULE BY	CONTACT	EXT.	
Classroom 1	GF	50	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 2	GF	40	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 3	GF	30	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Conf. Room 1	GF	20	I	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Campaign Ctr/DRA	GF	16	I	Instit. Adv.	Janet Young	210	Restricted use
Dining Room B	GF	4	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C	GF	6	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C/D	GF	20	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room D	GF	12	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room E	GF	75	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
D&P Conf. Room	4th	10	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Educ. Conf. Room	GF	14	I S	Education	Clara Aytch-Baker	247	
Developers Conf. Rm.	4th	8	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Founder's Room	1st	100	I S	Inst. Adv.	Sarah Gunderson	617	Restricted use
Montgomery Ward H.	GF	150	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Lecture Hall II	GF	75	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic East (Sch)	GF	320	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic West (Pub)	GF	125	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Rice Center	1st		P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Simpson Theatre	GF	1000	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Zoology Clrm.	3rd	50	I	Zoology	Erica Blair	255	
Webber Resource	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Maori Meeting House	2nd	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Pawnee Earth Lodge	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Place for Wonder	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Stanley Field Hall	1st	35	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
EXHIBIT HALL: Permanent Exhibits			P S	Spec. Events	Carol Konieczny	218	} Exhibits Dept.
EXHIBIT HALLS: Special Exhibits			P S	Spec. Events	Carol Konieczny	218	} consulted prior to confirmation

I = Internal (meetings, etc.)

P = Public (Programs, Classes, etc.)

S = Special Events

Ceramics Conference on October 23-25, 1998. A total of eighteen speakers from China, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Japan, Vietnam, New Zealand, France, England, and the United States will join this event. The conference will explore the subject of 15th Century Asian ceramics through three themes: history, production, and appreciation.

Peter Crane will preside over the opening. Organizers from the Anthropology Department include **Bennet Bronson, Chuimei Ho, Malcolm Smith, Jean Vondriska, Al Chen,** and **Deepthi Chilakapati. Leonore Levit** and **Joan Connor** from the Education Department are part of the organizing committee. Individuals from other departments who are assisting include: **Stacy Rhoads** (Development), **James Koeppl** and **Brad Loetel** (Computer Services), **Frantz Eliacin** (Mailroom), and **Jeremy Herrick** (Anthropology).

Speakers from the Far East include Hsieh Ming-liung (National Taiwan University) who will be presenting a paper entitled: "Japanese Collectors Attitude on Chinese Ceramics in the 15th/16th Century." Also attending is Trinh Cuo Tuong (Hanoi Institute of Archaeology) who wiil be speaking about the recent archaeological discoveries of 15th Century Vietnamese ceramics. Allison Diem (The Oriental Ceramic Society of the Philippines) will discuss a paper entitled: "Influences of Northern Vietnamese Kilns on Ceramic Production in the Central Region of Vietnam." **Chapurukha Kusimba** (Anthropology Department) will chair a session.

Thanks!

The Education Department would like to thank Field Museum staff and volunteers who helped to make the educational programming offered in conjunction with the **Soul of the Game** exhibit so successful. Our thanks to the helpful staff members in the Departments of Housekeeping, Audio Visual, Maintenance, Visitor Services, Security, Special Events, Exhibits, and Liz Events. Also, a big thank you to all the volunteers who worked during the events and helped to make the programming exciting and educational. Thank you **Nancy Srivastava, Robbie Avery, Alexandra Krasnonosova, Yan Koskalevskiy, Madu, Daryl McCullough, Michael Roth, Stephanie Lukowski, Virginia Mayer** and the South Side YMCA jump rope group. Members of the high school museology class also assisted. Students included: **Andrew Badger, Miraya Cantu, Myhija Curry, Denise Hernandez, Devra Helgart, Barry Jeong, Luke Jerod Kummer, Paul Roszkowski and Dorie Smith.**

Throughout the duration of the exhibit, we had over eighty groups from Chicago Park District and other community organizations take advantage of the after-school programming which we offered. Over 850 visitors participated in the Slam Dunk Poetry Day on February 21 and over 4,000 visitors joined in and either played or viewed the activities associated with the games and sports day, Playing Field, on March 14. Special thanks to Field Associates **Teresa Harmon, Pat Piper, Beth Eachus, Doug Meyer, Jim O'Connor, Julie O'Connor,** and **Katie Stein** for assistance on Saturday. Also, a big thanks to **Cindy Andresen** for the donation of the "Hoops in the Hall" tee shirts for the volunteers and to the Chicago Bulls

organization for the donation of the prizes given away during Playing Field.

These programs would not have been possible without your assistance. Thank you so much helping make the events successful!

Thank you **from Liz Events**

LizEvents will be closing March 31, 1998. For the company and staff, **Dolly Ayala** and I wish to thank you for your support and friendships. "Gratitude is the Rosemary of the Heart." It will also be greatly appreciated if you would return all linen and items borrowed from us. Charges will be assessed for all missing linen. Again we wish you and your families all the best. -- **Liz Adams**

FITNESS CLASS REMINDER

Fitness classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings:

5:15 pm until 6:15pm
In the Geology exhibit next to Tibet

There will be no class on the following dates:

Thursday	March 19 and April 2
Tuesday	March 31

Classes begin with an aerobic workout and end with stretching exercises. We have a great time and lots of energy when we leave. Plan on coming next week!

Christian Fellowship: Wednesday, March 25, 1998 from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. in Classroom 2. The inspirational message will be, "How to succeed being yourself." Questions? Call **Sandra Blake** (x648).

NEW STAFF AND VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Tuesday, March 24, 1998
8:45 a.m. to Noon
Lecture Hall II

The Human Resources Office cordially invites you to a special behind-the-scenes look at the Museum designed for new staff and volunteers. If interested, speak to your supervisor about your interest in attending and obtain permission for time away from your work.

➤Call the Human Resources Office (x356) by Wednesday, March 18 to reserve your space.